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GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 9-1-1
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September 14, 2010

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

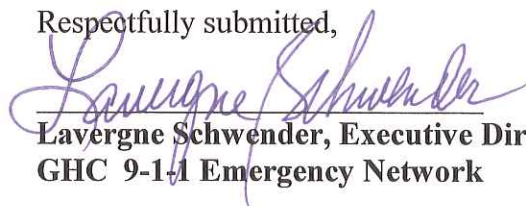
RE: PS Docket No. 06-229, a request to combine into one application two previously filed applications for FCC waivers on the 700 MHz public safety spectrum

On July 27, 2010 Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network ("GHC 9-1-1") filed an "Expedited Request for Waiver" with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC/Commission") to grant a waiver of its 700 MHz public safety early deployment rules to enable the construction and operation of a 700 MHz interoperable public safety broadband network. On August 10, 2010 the Harris County, Texas ("HC") also filed its own "Expedited Request for Waiver" of the FCC's 700 MHz public safety early deployment rules.

Both applicants now request to supplement their initial applications. The request is made to the FCC to combine the two separate applications so that they may be treated jointly, as one application. This request to combine the applications comes as a result of both applicants working together to strengthen each other's positions and to better provide emergency communications to the jurisdictions and citizens served by the applicants. The basic agreement between the parties is that GHC 9-1-1 would be responsible for that area and equipment in GHC 9-1-1's territory and Harris County would be responsible for all of the rest of the geographic area outlined in their initial waiver request. Specific details as to how to resolve the apparent geographic overlap of the initial requests will be stated in an interlocal agreement (Texas legal device for defining cooperation among governmental entities).

Attached is a letter of support from the City of Houston. For any other questions, please feel free to contact me (281-949-5507) or the appropriate contact named below.

Respectfully submitted,


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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is intended to communicate the City of Houston's support of the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 (GHC 9-1-1) and Harris County Texas waiver request for use of 700 MHz broadband frequencies within the Southeast Region of Texas. The City has a pressing need for an extremely reliable broadband network in order to address our many public safety applications.

The City of Houston has been working with Harris County, Greater Harris 9-1-1, and the State of Texas to help them obtain a waiver(s) for construction and operation of a public safety broadband network. While we will not actually be building the network, we do plan to make use of it once it is built. The City of Houston currently has over 10,000 potential wireless users that are likely to make use of this proposed system.

We have been working with the regional efforts and will continue to do so. We have also made a commitment to work with the State in its efforts to ensure that all broadband is interoperable and serves all public safety users.

Please favorably consider the waiver request of Harris County and Greater Harris County 9-1-1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard F. Lewis".

Richard F. Lewis
Chief Information Officer